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In the absence of Mr. Sajdik (Austria), Mr. Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Economic and environmental questions (*continued*)

(a) Sustainable development (*continued*) (E/2014/L.14)

Draft resolution E/2014/L.14: The family and sustainable development

1. **Mr. Lazarev** (Belarus), introducing the draft resolution, said that it was based on the principle that the family was the fundamental group unit of society, a universal institution from which all human beings emerged and a source of support, warmth and love. It was the centre of educational, social, economic and spiritual life, the natural connection between generations and an invaluable means of transmitting knowledge and values from older people to the young. Without it, sustainable development was impossible.

2. The Council had examined the role of the family in sustainable development for the first time 30 years previously, but had then ceased to study the matter, which had not subsequently received due attention at the United Nations. Through the discussions on the new development agenda, however, the subject had once again come to the attention of States, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations. It had been discussed within the United Nations system in the context of the sustainable development goals, and the Secretary-General had also focused on the matter. Efforts by civil society had resulted in the Include the Family petition, which had been signed by 45,000 people.

3. His delegation had wanted the draft resolution to state clearly the Council's recognition of the family's fundamental role in sustainable development. It had organized four rounds of consultations and had engaged with all stakeholders on the basis of open dialogue, motivated not by the political and economic interests of Belarus but by a concern for justice and the need to draw attention to the family. He thanked the delegations which had participated constructively in the consultations. Some, however, had refused to support the text, which would have helped millions of men and women to start families and bring up the next generation in a spirit of respect for the family. For that reason, his delegation had decided to withdraw the draft resolution. However, it would not allow the world to forget the family, whose importance did not depend on political situations or the narrow interests of certain countries. It would continue to work within and outside the United Nations for the good of the family and for recognition of its role in sustainable development.

4. *Draft resolution E/2014/L.14 was withdrawn.*

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/69/83-E/2014/71; E/2014/L.16)

Economic and environmental questions (*continued*)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters (E/2013/45; E/2014/L.9, E/2014/L.11 and E/2014/L.17)

Draft resolution E/2014/L.16: Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

5. **The President** said that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

6. *Draft resolution E/2014/L.16 was adopted.*

Draft resolutions E/2014/L.9 and E/2014/L.17: Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

7. **The President** invited the Council to take action on draft resolution E/2014/L.17, which he had submitted, in his capacity as Vice-President, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/2014/L.9.

8. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council), delivering a statement in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, said that, should the Council adopt the draft resolution, it was anticipated that the request contained in paragraph 7 would constitute an addition to the workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management of one document of 8,500 words, to be issued in all languages, and would entail additional requirements in the amount of $50,900 for documentation services under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for the biennium 2014-2015. In accordance with established procedures, the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session would be informed,

in the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council, of additional requirements arising in that biennium. With regard to the request in paragraph 7 that the report should be submitted within existing resources, the Council's attention was drawn to Section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B and subsequent resolutions, most recently resolution 68/246, in which the General Assembly had reaffirmed the role of the Fifth Committee as the appropriate Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

9. *Draft resolution E/2014/L.17 was adopted.*

10. *Draft resolution E/2014/L.9 was withdrawn.*

Draft decision E/2014/L.11: Venue and dates of and provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

11. **The President** said that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

12. *Draft decision E/2014/L.11 was adopted.*

(k) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

13. **The President** said that although the Council had decided in its resolution 2000/32 to continue its consideration of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under the agenda item "Economic and environmental questions", taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council, no advance documentation on the matter had been submitted.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2014/L.10)

Draft decision E/2014/L.10: Appointment of an additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

14. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council), delivering a statement in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, said that, should the Council adopt the draft decision, it was estimated that the support to be provided to the additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group, consisting of airfare, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses related to travel for scheduled missions to Washington, D.C. and Haiti, would amount to $2,700 in 2014. In the consideration of previous resolutions extending the mandate of the Advisory Group, the Secretary-General had advised that all possible efforts would be made to meet those requirements from within the resources approved under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015. Accordingly, no additional appropriation would be required.

15. *Draft decision E/2014/L.10 was adopted.*

16. **Mr. Rivas** (Observer for Uruguay) said that Uruguay's historical links with Haiti were reflected in bilateral ties between the two States, as well as in his country's contribution to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti and its role as the coordinator of the Group of Friends of Haiti. His Government supported the emphasis placed by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti on development, socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, and looked forward to furthering the Group's objectives and the interests of the Haitian people.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

17. **The President** recalled that, at its 12th meeting, the Council had decided to postpone the election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board from among candidates nominated by the World Health Organization until the Council's coordination and management meeting in June 2014. The World Health Organization, however, needed more time to review its list of candidates, and the election would therefore be postponed a second time.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.